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South Dakota Department of Education  
**Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting**  
April 18 & 19, 2006  
Holiday Inn City Centre  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Chairperson - Ms. Karn Barth      Vice-chairperson- Ms. Michele Cogley

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### **Panel Functions**

- Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on final due process hearing findings and decisions
- Advise on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons- The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons

### **Panel Priorities**

- Monitor the needs of the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report
- Comment on State and Federal Regulations
- Address Child Find Activities (particularly for emotionally disturbed children)
- Advise concerning Highly Qualified Teachers

## **AGENDA**

### **April 18, 2006**

1:00-1:30      Welcome/Introductions  
                 Opening remarks  
                 Approval of the agenda - ACTION ITEM  
                 Approval of 1/18/2006 minutes - ACTION ITEM  
                 Public comment

- 1:30-1:45      Ann Larsen, Director  
❖ Handouts/Welcome
- 1:45-3:15      John Copenhaver, MPRRC  
❖ Ward of the state, surrogate parent  
❖ SPP Indicator 8  
❖ OSEP visit  
❖ Advisory Panel Annual Report
- 3:15-3:30      Break
- 3:30-4:30      Ann Larsen  
❖ General SEP information  
❖ SPP updates  
❖ Interagency agreements
- 4:30 p.m.      Panel adjourns for the evening

**April 19, 2006**

- 8:30 a.m.      Panel reconvenes
- 8:30-9:00      Ann Larsen  
❖ HQ and Praxis updates  
❖ Current happenings
- 9:00-10:00      Julie Carpenter, SEP  
❖ Eligibility guide
- 10:00-10:15      Break

10:15-11:45 Julie Carpenter  
❖ SPP Indicator 14  
❖ Transition taskforce

11:45-12:00 Schedule upcoming meetings - ACTION ITEM  
Propose agenda items for next meeting  
Closing remarks

12:00 Panel adjourns

